

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement mailed **July 22, 2004** (Paper No. 4). Following this election, examination of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Restriction Response, the Office identified three allegedly distinct and independent inventions claimed in the present application. These inventions are represented by three corresponding claim groups. As outlined by the Office, the claim groups and inventions claimed are:

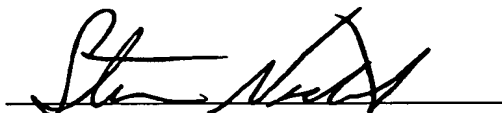
- I. Claim Group 1, claims 1-16, drawn to an apparatus and method for distributing multimedia content over a network;
- II. Claim Group 2, claims 17-25, drawn to a method for distributing multimedia content over a network utilizing a revocation list; and
- III. Claim Group 3, claim 26, drawn to a method of revenue collection.

In response, without acquiescing in the Office's characterization of these various claim groups or the inventions claimed, Applicant hereby elects Claim Group 1, claims 1-16, for immediate examination. This election is without traverse.

Additionally, Applicant has added new claims 27-38 by the present paper. These claims are drawn to the "invention" of Claim Group 1, namely, an apparatus or method for distributing multimedia content over a network. Consequently, examination of claims 1-16 and 27-38 on the merits should now proceed. Accordingly, claims 17-26 are marked herein as being "withdrawn" from consideration.

If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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